

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
10-4-10

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting. Commissioner Deeds was not present for the meeting.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

Alex Janeczek, Structurepoint Inspector, updated the board on the US 31 project. Commissioner Faust recommended that the Peru Tribune run an article to update citizens of the lime application as it causes an increased amount of dust in the air.

ROSIE'S RESCUE & RETREAT

Sandy Chittum discussed with the board about her meeting with the bank on Tues to secure funding for the Rosie's Rescue and Retreat. She is still in need of the letter from the County Attorney that lists what the county is willing to contribute to the shelter. The Commissioners wanted to review the draft before her meeting but were unable to get in contact with Pat Roberts. Ms. Chittum will follow up later today with Mr. Roberts about the letter. The board will also continue trying to contact Mr. Roberts.

MINUTES

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the payroll and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

PERU UTILITIES

The board received a letter from Peru Utilities regarding the inspections of emergency sirens within the county. The letter stated that the recent test determined all sirens are working properly. Peru Utilities also informed the board that as of January 2011 they will no longer be conducting the tests but will procure all parts for repairs and bill the city and county accordingly.

OLD JAIL

The board discussed the old jail and the sprinkler system. The board would like to determine if vacant and occupied buildings have the same fire code requirements. Commissioner Faust contacted Chris Betzner, Peru Fire Chief, for further clarification. Mr. Betzner came to the meeting and advised the board that all alarms, exits, etc. must be maintained per State regulations.

PRINTER FOR SURVEYOR

The board discussed replacing the printer in the Surveyor's office. The printer is over 20 years old and needs replaced. Steve McAuliffe requested financial help of \$2500.00 from the commissioner's budget to help fund the project. The Auditor, Assessor, and Recorder have all agreed to contribute \$2500.00 from their miscellaneous funds, with \$3436.00 coming from the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund. The Commissioner's contribution will complete the total needed to purchase the printer, which is \$13436.00. After some discussion, Commissioner Boyer stated that he would like to see a partial payment made with the remaining funds paid out of the 2011 budget in an effort to help with the 2010 bottom line figures. Perry Corporation agreed to the terms of 1/3 down payment with the remaining balance due by January 15, 2011. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay 1/3 up front and remaining balance in 2011 with the Auditor, Assessor, Recorder, and Commissioners all contributing \$2500.00 and the Surveyor's Perpetuation paying the remainder of the invoice for \$3436.00. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Major Tim Hunter turned in the weekly jail report.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Faust reported that he had received a call from Ken Scott that the hot water heater is out in the Environmental Health Department. Commissioner Faust stated that he had spoken with 2 doctors over the weekend and was told that as long as soap is used when washing hands, using cold water does not cause any issues or reason for concern. Commissioner Faust noted that they would get the water heater fixed in time.

THANK YOU CARD

The board received a thank you card from Shirley Mull and family for the flowers from the passing of James Mull.

DOWNEY INSURANCE

The board received a letter regarding a few issues that need attention after a recent insurance review. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Chris Betzner, Peru Fire Chief and Rick York, Maintenance to address.

BURN BAN

Chris Betzner, Peru Fire Chief, requested support from the Commissioners when the decision is made to institute a burn ban. Commissioner Faust made a motion to support the decision of the Fire Chiefs with the ban. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

NU-TEC

The board received an invoice from Nu-Tec for repairs to the Courthouse roof. Commissioner Faust had a few concerns with the pricing. The board decided to table until next week to could get further clarification.

LAW POSTER SERVICE

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to purchase the 2011 Law Posters. The posters are required to be displayed in the courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

IT

John Powell updated the board on the following projects:

- Backup and recovery solution, down to 4 servers that need to be moved
- Resolved camera issues
- Scanning and email project is in the works
- Copier/printer lease-currently getting 3 companies to bid as our lease is up with Smith Office at the end of the year
- Voter Registration is up and running
- Purchased the new switch for the server, to be deployed this weekend
- New fiber cable ran between the Annex and Courthouse
- Working to fix issues with the phones in the Prosecutor's Office
- Replacing faulty video court system on Friday in Superior Court II
- Selling excess IT equipment on Ebay. Process is going well working to get a link on county website for larger items that are too costly to ship

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director advised the board that he received approval on Friday for the Plat Book Scanning Grant.

Mr. Marks will also be attending an EMA conference in Indianapolis this week.

EMA will send an update to the state on supporting the burn ban.

9-1-1

Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 Director, discussed with the board that she is still pursuing the missing child program.

Ms. Harbison also attended a conference last week and felt that she was able to get some good information from the meetings.

MUSEUM

The board received a request from Catherine Anderson, Museum Director/Curator to carry over 1 vacation day from 2010. Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dana Biddle came before the Board to inquire about the liability insurance for the dog pound. Commissioner Faust stated that the insurance company had turned the report over to the county attorney and the board was still waiting for an answer. Commissioner Faust advised Ms. Biddle to contact Pat Roberts. Ms. Biddle asked the Board why, after 4 years, they did not know whether the officer had the proper insurance. Commissioner Boyer told Ms. Biddle that this has not been an issue until recently and apologized for not catching it before now.

INSURANCE

Mike Saine talked with the board about the changes regarding the health insurance. Mary Milroy, Chief Deputy Auditor, discussed with the board the need for establishing an insurance committee. The committee would have representatives from several departments within the county who would work on behalf of all the employees to determine the best options for health insurance. Mr. Saine explained that there are several issues with the new health care reform and starting now will allow time to get quotes on

premiums, deductibles, etc. before the start of the new year. The board felt it would be a good idea to get a committee in place and requested that Ms. Milroy bring some names back next week as to who would like to serve.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2 -0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Gregory Deeds

_____, **Vice Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Member**
Harry J. Faust

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Milroy